

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-9 will be pending in the present application. Claims 10-24 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9 have been amended to explicitly to recite what was implicit, to further clarify the invention, to change claim dependencies, and/or to correct informalities. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 10-24 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 10-24 is not patentable. Claims 10-24 have been cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims directed to the subject matter encompassed by claims 10-24 and any additional claims in one or more continuing and/or divisional applications.

Restriction Requirement

In the October 11, 2007 Office action, a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 was set forth between Group I (claims 1-9 and 16-24) and Group II (claims 10-15). Applicant elects the invention of Group I without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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